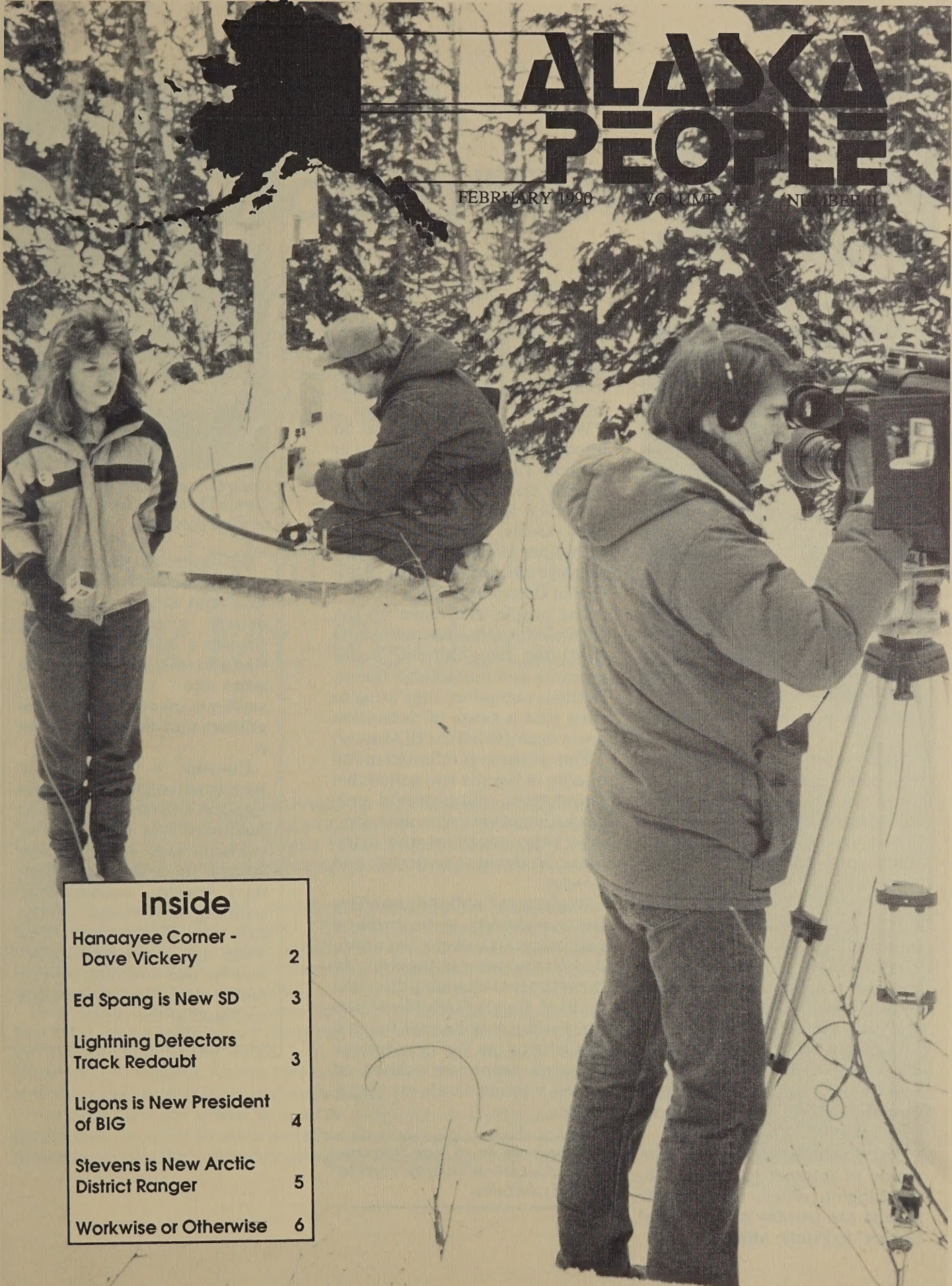




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Public Affairs: Tells BLM Story to All



Dave Vickery, Public Affairs Chief

Working for BLM in Alaska is an experience unlike working in any other state. The diversity and complexity of issues we face makes the job of public affairs challenging, exciting, and at times frustrating.

Public Affairs responsibilities and activities cut across all organizational lines. Public Affairs provides management support, information and communication, and a healthy dose of product design and development.

The State Office staff assists the state director with special projects, speeches, public affairs planning and coordination with the national office.

High visibility issues and programs of interest to the media, Washington office, and outside groups are usually on the "front burner" in Public Affairs.

Public Affairs may be called on to develop briefing papers, fact sheets, video tapes or other communications tools to help managers deal with them.

With the national interest in almost anything that happens in Alaska, BLM issues are often quickly elevated to the Washington office level. This requires early alerts, and coordination with other BLM offices to ensure that key officials are aware of potential controversy.

The people who make up the Public Affairs professional staffs in Alaska have differing backgrounds and remarkable talent. Without exception, they bring to their jobs a sense of dedication and a desire to tell the BLM story.

This attitude is reflected in the quality of the the two scheduled newsletters, publications programs, displays units, photography, video programs and many other products they design and develop.

Working in Public Affairs offers the opportunity to be involved with virtually every program, district and issue in the state. In these times of changing direction for BLM, the job for Public Affairs will continue to be exciting and challenging as the tremendous natural resource values of Alaska's public lands are recognized.

Pronounced ha nie' yee, hanaayee is Koyukon Athabascan for "reporter" or "one who talks."



Craig Casner supervises as Donna Thompson tries her hand at silver soldering.

Jeannette M. Kuntz, director of the Fort Wainwright Arts and Crafts Center, recently presented **Craig Casner** a letter of appreciation and a plaque for donating more than 1,500 hours of service to the center and to the military and civilians who use it.

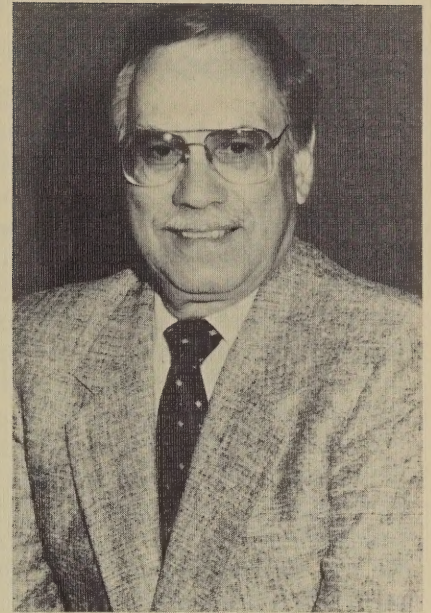
Casner, a cartographic technician with the Fairbanks Support Center, often spends his spare time searching for unusual and semi-precious stones. He began doing lapidary, jewelry, woodworking, painting and design at the Arts and Crafts Center five years ago. It wasn't long before he was teaching jewelry and lapidary to both patrons and staff at the center.

Ed Spang is New Alaska S.D.

Ed Spang, State Director for Nevada for the past ten years, will soon be Alaska BLM's new chief.

Spang is a native of Lame Deer, Montana. He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Montana at Bozeman and has held positions at all levels of BLM in Montana, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and Washington D.C. before becoming Nevada State Director.

Spang is expected to report to Alaska this spring.



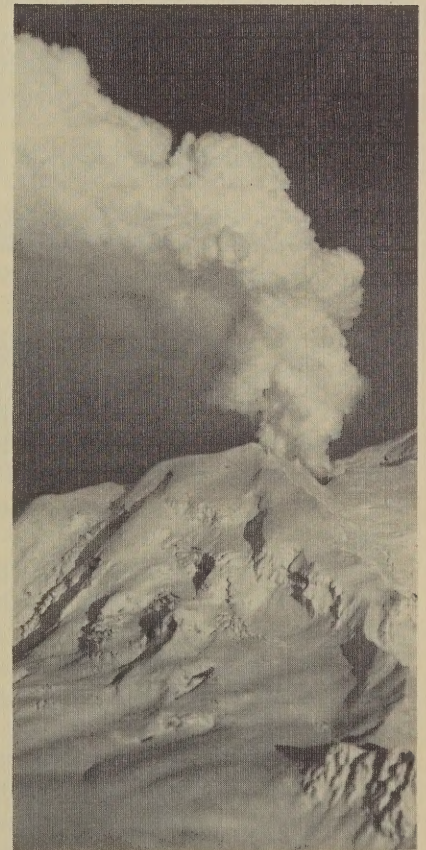
AFS Lightning Detectors Track Mt. Redoubt

What do wildfires and volcanic eruptions have in common? Lightning. In an attempt to detect lightning associated with ash-producing eruptions of Mount Redoubt, the Alaska Volcano Observatory asked BLM's Alaska Fire Service to install lightning detectors in Homer, McGrath and Anchorage.

Lightning is associated with eruptions which cause ash plumes but not those that produce only steam. The Alaska Volcano Observatory's instruments indicate eruptive activity, but do not always distinguish between an ash plume and a vigorous steam plume. The difference is vital to airlines and air travelers.

During the summers, the Alaska Fire Service uses lightning detectors to predict where wildfires are likely to start. The detectors are removed for maintenance in the winter. In response to the Alaska Volcano Observatory's request, Alaska Fire Service's Thor Weatherby set up detectors in Homer, McGrath and Anchorage.

The detectors are linked to a BLM computer in Fairbanks which determines the exact location and time of lightning and sends the information to the Alaska Volcano Observatory in Anchorage and Fairbanks.



Mt. Redoubt

Ligons is New President of Anchorage BIG

by Teresa McPherson

When Cliff Ligons, EEO specialist with the State Office, hangs up his BLM hat at 4:30 each day, his work is hardly over. As the newly elected president of the Anchorage chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG), Ligons spends his off duty hours promoting awareness and opportunities for blacks and minorities in the federal workforce.

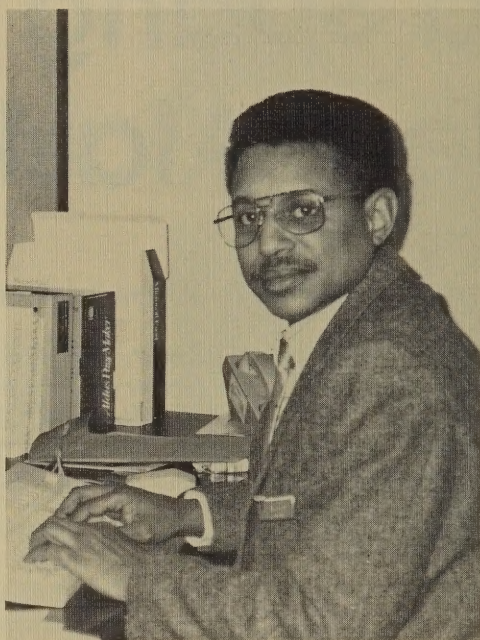
A BLMer since '78 and member of BIG since '84, Ligons has served as treasurer, vice president and now president of the organization. He was first acquainted with BIG as BLM's representative at various activities sponsored by the organization.

"BIG was organized in 1975 to advocate equal opportunity for blacks in government," Ligons explained. "The organization is dedicated to the promotion of ethnic pride and socioeconomic, civic, and cultural programs for blacks and minorities in the government."

Ligons is currently involved in

the Anchorage School District's Minority Students Leadership Conference coming up in March. He also helps coordinate the Adopt a Student program, which each year offers 50 minority high school students the opportunity to spend a day with professionals from the local business community.

What does Ligons hope to achieve in his term as president of BIG? "I would like to see membership in the organization expand, and to see increased awareness in the form of education and training among black employees," said Ligons. "BLM has long recognized the benefit of diversity training, but among other Federal agencies, there is a severe deficit in this area. I look forward to the challenge."



Cliff Ligons

Featured Speaker Honoring Dr. King is also BLMer Relative

by Ella Wright

Keynote speaker Dr. Julian Earls addressed a 2,000-person multi-cultural and multi-racial crowd attending the Martin Luther King Celebration on January 14, 1990, in the Egan Convention Center.

Dr. Earls, who is director of the Office of Health Services at the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, spoke about the "dream," education, human support and relationships.

One of several humorous and insightful anecdotes stressing Dr. King's ethics on love, peace and non-violence was about attending meetings with the Tate family.

Father Dick—*DICtate* always makes decisions. His mind is

made up when he comes to meetings.

His wife Aggie—*AGItate*, never had an idea of her own in her life.

Dick's son Erie—*IRRItate*, rubs people the wrong way. He wants



credit, but doesn't do the work.

Sister HESSY—*HESItate* always procrastinates. Other members of the Tate family are *IMItate* and *DEBILtate*. "However," says Dr.

Earls, "we must stop and *MEDItate*" in our daily dealings with people like the Tate family.

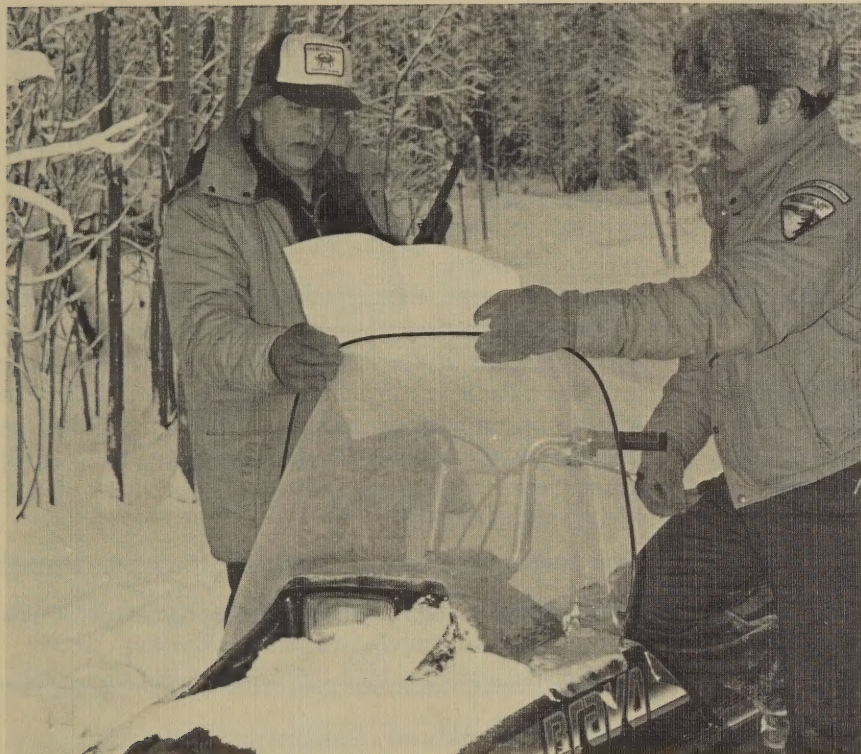
"Dr. King was an unselfish man who worked for the benefit of others and did not seek personal gain," says Dr. Earls. "There can be no nobler qualities in a person."

Dr. Earls is the cousin of Vivian Powell, branch secretary for Human Resources Management in the State Office.

Twenty-five years had passed since the two cousins and federal employees had seen each other.

Mel Williams, BLM Chief of Employee and Organizational Development and an assistant pastor at the Greater Friendly Temple in Anchorage, gave the invocation for the ceremony.

Wayne Stevens is New Arctic District Ranger



Ranger Stevens (right) gives trail information to Fairbanks hunter Don Duranceau.

by Sharon Durgan Wilson

Trading the California desert for the Arctic, Wayne Stevens is the Arctic District's new ranger.

After working for the Barstow Resource Area in California's Desert District for three years, Stevens says, "I prefer four seasons and snow."

Stevens will provide wildlife and natural resource protection and public contact in the 35-million-acre Arctic District, which includes public lands of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, the Utility Corridor area and smaller parcels.

"It's going to be a challenge to work in an area this size, with so few roads," says Stevens. The Dalton Highway, which bisects northern Alaska from Fairbanks north to Prudhoe Bay, is the only developed road in the district. Most of the travel is by plane and helicopter.

"I hope to get a lot of air time," Stevens said. "I want to finish the flying lessons I started in Nevada."

Stevens spent almost eight years in Ely, Nevada, as a range conservationist. Stevens was a reserve deputy sheriff in Nevada for three years before he decided to combine his resource background with law enforcement for BLM. "It gets me out from behind a desk. I enjoy being outside," Stevens says.

Stevens has a degree in range management from Washington State University. In his spare time he enjoys hunting with black powder guns. His favorite game so far is the Idaho elk, but he has yet to stalk his first moose in Alaska.

RSVP Student Gets Engine Repair Training at BLM

by Danielle Allen

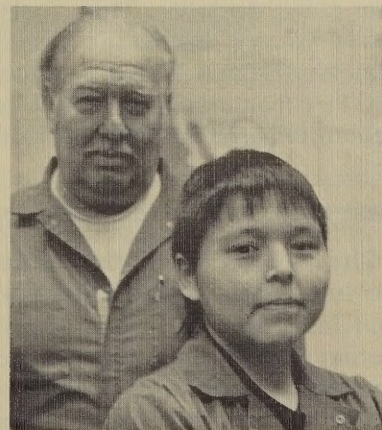
Sally Duny, a Rural Students Vocation Program (RSVP) teenager from Marshall, a village on the Yukon, recently helped out Campbell Tract's maintenance shop for two weeks.

"RSVP, a vocational program funded by the State of Alaska, takes rural students ages 16-20 and puts them in work situations where they can learn viable job skills," says Anchorage District RAPS coordinator Bob Lloyd.

The enrollees are recommended to the program by their school districts based primarily on aptitude.

Mechanic Cecil Strader showed Duny how to clean, repair and tuneup waterpumps, fuel pumps and three types of chain saws. Together they refurbished a record number of small engines which Straeder attributes to Duny's knack for learning quickly. "She's worked in Elmendorf's automotive shop so she has some background in small engines," says Strader of his diminutive charge.

Lloyd and Strader see the program as a good thing for the students and BLM. Duny sees it as a step closer to being what she's always wanted to be "...a mechanic," she says.



Workwise or Otherwise

Retiring Northern Advisory Council members Janet Halvarson and John F.M. Sims were presented plaques by District Manager Roger Bolstad for their three years of service to BLM.

Halvarson is the executive director of the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Sims is marketing manager for the Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.

Judy Nelson, Lakeview, Oregon District Manager, is the 1989 recipient of the Public Lands Foundation's Outstanding Public Land Professional of the Year award.

The Public Lands Foundation, an alliance of former and present BLM employees, gives the award annually to improve the public reputation of the much-maligned public land professional.

"This national award is reserved for the most prestigious "Hall of Fame" type of action that warrants special recognition," says Foundation President George Lea.

The award recognized Nelson's outstanding work regarding the 60,000-acre Warner Valley Wetlands public lands area in southeastern Oregon.

While it had been predominately a livestock grazing area for many years, the area had great potential as a waterfowl production wetland.

Although subject to intense local pressure to "back off" and leave things as they were, Nelson focused public interest on the area, developed support for converting the area to waterfowl production and developed a compromise solution to the livestock versus wetland issue.

National Wildlife Federation v. Burford Lawsuit Update—

On January 16, 1990, the Solicitor's Office advised that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the government's appeal of the June 20 appellate court decision. That decision overturned the lower court's dismissal based on NWF's lack of standing to sue. The date on which oral argument will be presented before the Court has not yet been scheduled as additional briefs must first be submitted.

The Fairbanks Public Lands Information Center has a new sign. Fairbanks Major Jim Nordale and Janet McCabe, Chair of the Interagency Visitor Center Committee, unveiled the new sign at a short ceremony on January 12.

The Information Center is one of three in operation statewide with a fourth center planned for Ketchikan.

Former BLM-Alaska state director **Curtis McVee** was recently sworn in as federal co-chairman of the Alaska Land Use Council. The council, created by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, coordinates federal/state land use issues.

It is composed of members of major federal land managing agencies, state government and Native corporations. The federal co-chairman is a presidential appointment. The state governor is the state chairman.

The **Glennallen District** has started a paper/glass/aluminum recycling effort. BLMers separate and save their trash for weekly transportation to Anchorage recycling centers. Cash earned will be used to purchase an office microwave initially, with other uses for earnings to be identified later. Recycling makes sense!

May 7-13 is Public Service Recognition Week recognizing America's public employees.

Steve Grantland, Electronic Digital Computer Mechanic in the Division of Information Resource Management, coaches the Alaska All-Star Mite A hockey team. Grantland's team won the Fifth Annual North American Silver Stick National Finals in Warren, Michigan in early February. It was the Alaska team's first trip to the national tournament. Grantland's son Jesse plays defense for the A's, nephew Jonathon is also on the team.

Child Care Project Update—Dr. Craig Boswell, Executive Director of Development Day School (our child care provider), was here February 7-9 to meet with groups and confer on several issues.

Since the Solicitation for Offers failed to produce any viable offers from the community, representatives from GSA, FAA, and Alaska Native Hospital met January 11 to discuss options for locating suitable child care space.

At this point several alternatives to leased space are being investigated.

On January 22-26, **BLM provided a training workshop for BIA contractors.** The contractors received training in surveys, photo interpretation, townsites, Native Allotment problems, and on BLM's new computer system. "The class helped foster better understanding and coordination between BLM and the BIA contractors," says Ann Pederson.

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Sustained Superior Performance

Lynn Rogers, Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Information Resources Management
Dennis Benson, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management
Nora Vanassche, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management
Constance Van Horn, Supervisory Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Support Services
James Ducker, Land Use Planner, ASO Office of Management, Planning and Budget
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Paul Russell, Bindery Machine Operator, ASO Division of Support Services
Jane Mangus, Writer/Editor, ASO Public Affairs
Teresa McPherson, Editorial Assistant, ASO Public Affairs
Gail Ozmina, Realty Specialist, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
Edgar Earnhart, Navigable Waters Specialist, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
Carl Neufelder, Navigable Waters Specialist, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
Dorothy Bonds, Secretary, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey

Special Act Award

Sam Patton, Supervisory Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey
Wilma Hart, Support Services Supervisor, ASO Division of Support Services
Rodney Harvey, Mail Clerk, ASO Division of Support Services

Welcome Aboard (January 1990)

Dixie C. Swanson, Administrative Technician, Arctic District
Gene L. Schloemer, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, AFS
David Bieganski, Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey
Connie L. Lewis, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
Eugene N. Ervine, Resource Interpretive Specialist, ASO Division of Lands and Renewable Resources
Paul R. Evans, Miscellaneous Documents Clerk, ASO Division of Information Resource Management

Moving On (January 1990)

Judith Hinkle, Miscellaneous Documents Clerk, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
Louis E. Jones, Apprenticeship Training Representative, Arctic District Office
Barbara A. Yoppke, Paralegal Specialist, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
Gary R. Gale, Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey

Mike Peterson, Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Support Services
William Dawson, Bindery Machine Operator, ASO Division of Support Services
Greg Chavez, Clerk-Typist, ASO Division of Support Services

Glen Nelson, Offset Press Operator Foreman, ASO Division of Support Services

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Evangeline Grafton, Miscellaneous Documents Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management

Danielle Dines, Miscellaneous Documents Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management

Michael Hogan, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management

Mary Bloes, Miscellaneous Documents Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management

Mike Worley, Miscellaneous Documents Examiner, ASO Division of Information Resources Management

Dianne Thompson, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Conveyance Management

Lester Fischer, Land Surveyor, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey

Bryan Seibold, Land Surveyor, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey

Joseph Maestas, Land Surveyor, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey

Jesse Hicks, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Conveyance Management

Alice Chavez, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Conveyance Management

Quality Step Increase

Mary Woodward, Support Services Specialist, ASO Division of Support Services
Della Grahm, Purchasing Agent, ASO Division of Support Services
Roxann Benbow, Contract Specialist, ASO Division of Support Services

Length of Services Award

10 Year

Lillian Peterson, Clerk Typist, Arctic District
Michael Kleven, Utility Corridor Coordinator

20 Year

Loretta Fitzsimmons, Land Law Examiner, ASO Division of Support Services

Connie Teffeteller, Position Classification Specialist, ASO Division of Support Services

Lavanne Kolodji, Legal Clerk Typist, ASO Division of Support Services

Phillip Wilkins, Land Surveyor, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey

Norman Messenger, Natural Resource Specialist, Kobuk District

Tony Beltran, Lead Forestry Technician, AFS

30 Year

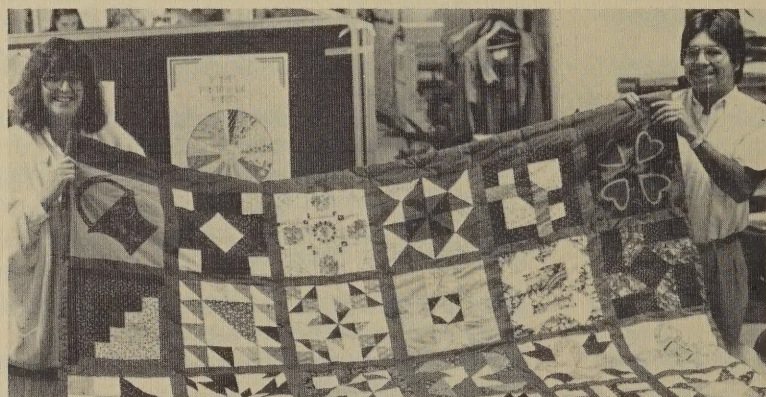
Jerry Pinkerton, Acting Deputy State Director, ASO Cadastral Survey

Carl Neufelder, Navigable Waters Specialist, ASO Division of Conveyance Management

It's Official! The Anchorage Public Room is looking sharp and fully uniformed



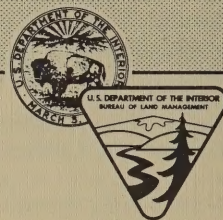
(left to right) Alex Mitchell, Lois Simenson, Thursa Hayward, Carol Canterbury, Laura Andrewyuk, Carol Taylor, Peggy Pannett, Connie VanHorn.



The CIRI Branch of the Conveyance Division recently presented Allyson and Michael Johnson with a friendship quilt wedding gift. Branch members each stitched a personalized block to be included in the quilt. "It's a tradition within our branch," says Cynthia Slothower. "We make them for weddings, babies and other special occasions."

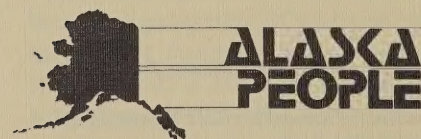
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Channel 13 in Anchorage films Alaska Fire Service's Thor Weatherby installing a lightning detector.
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